

Bristol, Sept: 2nd 1817

My dear Madam.

There was no occasion for your having any misgivings as to the propriety of your sending the portrait of Dr. Channing to me. I thought it natural for you to commit it to my charge, under the supposition that my connexion with Unitarians would enable me easily to dispose of it. I felt no obligation to become the purchaser; but having no doubt that one would be found, I thought it best at once to remit the price of the picture to your brother to save unnecessary delay, & believing

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I should thus be consulting the
interests of the Bazaar & the
convenience of its Managers.

The portrait occupies a place in
my drawing-room, & I have no
present intention of transferring
it.

Your brother was kind enough to
take some interest in negotiating for
the printing of Miss Parker's trans-
lation of Douglass's Narrative, but
I fear there is no chance of the
plan being carried into effect,
excepting by the publication of
extracts in newspapers. This is
a great pity, for Miss P. labored
hard with the translation, &
was at considerable expense in

having the work carefully corrected
by a French gentleman who is a
superior scholar.

We have no reason to expect
that any very valuable box of articles
will this year go from Bristol for
your Bazaar: in other direct-
ions however, we have not been
inactive in the A. S. cause.

The efforts made by myself &
others in inducing English Unit:
to take up the cause have not proved
acceptable to the majority of our
friends: we are thought to be inju-
dicious, & mistaken, & doing harm
rather than good. I am however, con-
vinced our course is a right one, & the

being that many, now opposed to it
will, after time & reflection, join
in it. The Editor of the "Christian
Register" has not dealt honorably
with my letter to Mr. Tappan in giving
its readers to understand that it
contained "offensive personalities"
& in suppressing every part of it
that spoke evidence & respect for
America.

My daughter begs her kind res.
pects, & sends, my dear Mr. Chapman

Very truly yours

John Bishop

I could get inserted in one or two leading
medical journals any short & pointed
explanatory statement from Dr. Gay as
to the Dr. Jackson's claim in the dis-
covery of the inhalation of ether. The